



**Stronger Together**

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# VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at the VESTA office starts at 4pm unless otherwise indicated.*

### Pro-D Workshop Play in K

September 22nd  
9am to 12pm  
VESTA Office

### Social Justice & Solidarity Meeting

October 3rd  
VESTA Office

### Executive Meeting

October 10th  
VESTA Office

### General Meeting/ Staff Rep Assembly

October 17th at 4pm  
Tupper Secondary



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### Teacher Regulation Branch Info

When you move, it is critical to keep your contact information up-to-date with the Teacher Regulation Branch as they only contact members for serious issues. TRB communicates with members only via Canada Post. They will not call, text or email members. In order to up-date your information you will need your certificate number if you have not already created an account with the TRB on their website. The certificate holder login page is found at <https://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/CertificateHolders/login.aspx>. Also, you can check to ensure your certificate is valid on the TRB website through "Find a Teacher" on the drop down menu under Certificate Services.

### Walk for Reconciliation

Members are invited to take part in the 2017 Walk for Reconciliation on September 24. The Walk will depart from Georgia and Cambie at 9:30am and end at Strathcona Park with educational activities, a keynote speech, and performances as part of a movement to build better relationships between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians.

### By Election October 14

At the General Meeting on Tuesday VESTA members voted to endorse the following candidates for school board trustee; Joy Alexander, Carrie Bercic, Ken Clement, Erica Jaaf, Theodora Lamb, Mike Lombardi and Allan Wong. An Ad Hoc Election Committee has also been created and the first meeting will be coming up soon. Check the VESTA website for dates if you would like to participate on the committee. At the office we will be creating materials to support your efforts at the school level. Please communicate with parents and other community members the importance of voting for a progressive school board on October 14.

### Blue Cross Update

CUPE 1816 members have ratified a new collective agreement with Pacific Blue Cross. Their new agreement is a six-year contract. They returned to work on Monday, September 18. Thank you to everyone who participated in CUPE's campaign to put pressure on by filing paper claims. Our solidarity with other unions helps to make our society better by ensuring workers rights are respected and improvements to living and working conditions continue. We are truly stronger together.

### FSA Opt-Out Letters

Updated FSA opt-out letters and information for parents are available on the BCTF website at <https://bctf.ca/fsa.aspx>. Please remember that materials sent home with students need to be stapled closed or put in an envelope and they need to be addressed to the parents or guardians.

